

Department of Media Studies

Syllabus

for course at second level

Filmvetenskap - masterkurs

Cinema Studies- Master's (120 credits) course

30.0 Higher Education Credits

30.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	FV7192
Valid from:	Spring 2026
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Department:	Department of Media Studies
Subject group:	Film Studies
Specialisation:	A2E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)
Main field:	Cinema Studies

Decision

Finalized by: Reviderad och fastställd av Institutionsstyrelsen Institutionen för mediastudier, 2025-06-04

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

75 credits within the Master's Programme in Cinema Studies of which 45 ECTS in Cinema Studies including: Cinema Studies revisited: Contemporary and historical perspectives 7,5 Credits; Moving images and archival media technologies 7,5 Credits; or Formations of Cinema Studies: Core Course I and II of total 15 credits. Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7,5 ECTS, and English for Academic Research, 7,5 ECTS. English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MT01	Master's Thesis	30.0

Course content

The student writes a thesis - comprising 30 credits within a problem area agreed upon with the supervisor. The degree project constitutes an independent Cinema Studies research task whose planning and implementation should demonstrate the ability to critically and creatively identify and formulate a question in dialogue with research in the field. The degree project provides practice in developing a limited research project from the original idea, choice of methodology to a completed research report and is preparatory for doctoral education.

Learning outcomes

To pass the course, the student must be able to:

1. critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyze, assess and handle complex phenomena and issues within the subject area of Cinema Studies and demonstrate significantly advanced knowledge

within certain parts of the area;

2. based on in-depth methodological knowledge and insight into current research and development work, critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and plan and use relevant methods to carry out a qualified degree project within the given timeframe;

3. in both national and international research contexts, be able to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that form the basis for these, both orally and in writing; and 4. take into account applicable research ethical standards, and demonstrate insight into the role of research in society.

Education

The teaching consists of essay seminars and supervision, individually and in groups.

Course requirements (mandatory elements): All teaching is mandatory.

If a student misses a course requirement (mandatory element), compensation can be made by a substitute assignment specified by the teacher/course coordinator/examiner.

The teaching is given in English.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description is available no later than one month before the start of the course.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through a written thesis (60–90 pages, corresponding to approx. 24,000–36,000 words), a presentation of the written thesis and an opposition on another student's thesis.

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b. Grading is done according to a goal-related seven-point grading scale:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Fail, some additional work required

F = Fail, much more work required

c. The written goal-related grading criteria are communicated to the students at the start of the course. The announced goal-related grading criteria are binding.

d. To receive a final grade for the entire course, a minimum grade of E is required for the degree project, a defense of the own degree project, opposition of another degree project and meeting the attendance requirement of 80%.

If special reasons exist, the examiner may grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory teaching. The student may then be required to complete a written compensatory assignment determined by the examiner.

e. For each course opportunity, at least two examination opportunities are offered. At least one examination opportunity is offered in the academic year in which a course opportunity is missing.

Students who have received a grade of Fx or F on an exam twice in a row by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next exam, unless special reasons speak against it. A request for this must be made to the department board.

Students who have received a minimum grade of E may not undergo a re-examination for a higher grade.

f. Completion may be granted if the student is close to the limit for passing, i.e. has received the grade Fx. The completion assignment must be submitted within two weeks after the need for completion has been notified by the examiner. In the case of approved completion, grades A–E are used.

g. Students who begin work on their degree project are entitled to a total of at least 8 hours of supervision time. Supervision can be done individually or in a small group.

h. The following assessment criteria will be used when grading the degree project: the thoroughness of the implementation of the investigation/theoretical task and the critical approach towards relevant theoretical discussions and the research material in general; furthermore, the degree of independence in terms of problem formulation, argumentation and analysis; ability to keep to the established timetable for the work; the level of meticulousness of the text; and the defense of one's own degree project and opposition to another student's work.

i. A change of supervisor may be made in special circumstances. A request for such a change, with justification, must always be made to the department board. A change of examiner can only be made when a student has failed an exam. See above under e) where the rules for failure are stated.

j. Students who do not complete a degree project on time during the current course may apply to the department board for an extended supervisor period. However, the student always has the right to have their degree project assessed at a subsequent examination.

Interim

When the course syllabus is suspended, the student has the right to be examined once per semester according to the current course syllabus during a suspension period of three semesters. However, the restrictions according to e) above still apply.

Limitations

The course may not be credited towards a degree at the same time as a course completed and passed within or outside the country, the content of which fully or partially corresponds to the content of the course. The courses FV7103, FV7190 and FV7191 are fully consistent with this course.

Misc

Literature for the thesis is selected in consultation with the supervisor